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a. There was heavy traffic, especially of freight trains, via Elblag and Braniewo. The trains, which had from 30 to 50 cars, were covered and sealed.

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b. New trackage was being laid between Dabrowa-Gornicza [5020N-1912E] and Zawiercie [5030N-1926E] and thence northeast.

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e. The important line for east - west traffic was Krakow-Tarnow-Rzeszow-Przemysl; the important line to East Germany was Krakow-Katowice-Wroclaw.

f. The entire Torun-Ilawa-Olsztyn-Insterburg line was double-track.

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g. The most important north - south lines were Bialystok-Warsaw-Lublin and Olsztyn-Bydgoszcz-Lodz-Krakow. Both were double-track. Gdansk-Szczecin-Wroclaw was also an important line.

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j. In general, Polish rolling stock was in fair condition, but many cars were in bad condition and scheduled for repairs.

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c. [redacted] an electric power plant ('Elektrownia') in Poznan [redacted] employed 600 workers, and the electric power plant in Laziska Gorne [5009N-1851E] [redacted] employed 800 workers. Both plants were guarded by the KBW.

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d. [redacted] foundries and cement factories were being expanded [redacted]

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- e. A new foundry (Nowa Huta) was being built near Krakow. Buildings capable of accommodating 100,000 (sic) workers had been built. The factory, although not complete, was producing. The Huta Czestochowa in Czestochowa [5048N-1907E] was not quite finished but was producing.

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3. a. [redacted] tunable radio broadcast receiver sets. Many of the sets were old. The new "AGA" radios cost 1,500 zlotys and up and could not be obtained easily. In addition, the prices were prohibitive for the average Pole. Many people in the cities had radios.

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- b. [redacted] no estimate the percentage of radios on which VOA and BBC could be received, but [redacted] the number of such sets was diminishing, since it was very difficult to get spare parts to repair the old sets and because new sets were both scarce and expensive.

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- c. [redacted] "wired" installations [redacted] were especially common in villages, serving the entire community through loud speakers. These installations could be controlled from the radio station since the broadcasts were received by telephone.

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- d. [redacted] there was an organization which was working on the project of getting broadcasts to the villages by means of these installations. Only Radio Warsaw could be heard on them.

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- e. The number of radio sets on which VOA could be heard was decreasing.

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- g. All radio sets had to be registered at the Post Office.

- h. Monthly taxes had to be paid according to the value of the radio.

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- i. Receiver parts were very difficult to get.

- j. "AGA" and "Pioner" were purchasable on the market.

- k. Jamming was effective. Yet the people were so eager to hear VOA that they listened anyway. Some programs, those of BBC, for

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example, were not jammed. VOA was jammed.

1. Everyone who could listened to VOA. Those who did not have receivers visited their friends who did.

There was no law prohibiting listening to foreign broadcasts but there was one forbidding the spreading of news heard on foreign broadcasts.

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4. All arms in use in Poland were of Soviet design, from the 7.62 caliber light arms to the 45-mm. antitank guns. Most weapons had been made prior to 1945.

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